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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I request that you deny the USTelecom petition for forbearance in the matter now before you of competitive Internet access.

I am concerned that granting forbearance would stifle competition in providing Internet access. I have had unsatisfactory experiences with and service from the large oligopolistic providers and dont like to think of the possibilities of leaving the market to them. On the contrary, I have had excellent service from smaller, independent service providers including RawBandwidth Communications in California.

While I am in favor of competition and letting market pricing sort out services, I dont think that the industry as this time is in a condition to support a healthy community of competitors if this USTelecom petition is granted.

Thank you for your consideration.

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